

Suffix Surgery Answer Key

1. kindness → kind + -ness → means "the state of being kind."
2. fearless → fear + -less → means "without fear."
3. builder → build + -er → means "a person who builds."
4. enjoyment → enjoy + -ment → means "the act or state of enjoying."
5. colorful → color + -ful → means "full of color."
6. singer → sing + -er → means "a person who sings."
7. careless → care + -less → means "without care."
8. darkness → dark + -ness → means "the state of being dark."
9. friendship → friend + -ship → means "the state of being friends."
10. hopeful → hope + -ful → means "full of hope."

Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Students practice **morphological analysis** by breaking down words into their **base forms and suffixes**, improving word recognition, spelling, and vocabulary comprehension.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For early learners, use visual supports (e.g., color-code base words and suffixes).
 - For advanced students, introduce **multi-suffix words** (e.g., "unhappiness," "carelessly") to dissect.
- **Engagement Idea:** Make it hands-on-students can "operate" with scissors by cutting paper "word parts" and reassembling them to make new words.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students write **sentences** using the dissected words.
 - Encourage them to "create" new words by adding different suffixes to familiar bases.
 - Integrate a **"Word Dissection Journal"** where students record new base+suffix words they encounter in their reading.